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RESOLUTION NO. 75-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF VISTA BY ADDING A COMMUNITY IDENTITY ELEMENT

> PLANNING CASE NO.: 75-15 ENVIRONMENTAL NO.: E 75-32

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vista has adopted the General Plan of the City of Vista, as amended; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1975, the Planning Commission of the City of Vista duly adopted Resolution No. 75-98 recommending to the City Council the amendment of the General Plan of the City of Vista by adding a Community Identity Element thereto; and

WHEREAS, the contents of a duly certified Environmental Impact Report were read and considered prior to acting on the amendment; and

WHEREAS, Section 65357 of the Government Code provides for the amendment .of the General Plan or any part or element thereof by resolution of the legislative body of the City; and

WHEREAS, at duly noticed public hearing, the City Council returned the matter to the Planning Commission for a further report; and

WHEREAS, by adopting Planning Commission Resolution No. 75-132, the Planning Commission did report and reaffirm said Resolution No. 75-98.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Vista amends the General Plan of the City of Vista, as follows:

- That the General Plan of the City of Vista is hereby amended by adding thereto a Community Identity Element consisting of a text identified as the "City of Vista General Plan - Community Identity Element," the original of which is on file in the office of the Director of Planning of the City of Vista, and a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B , and by this reference, incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- The overriding consideration in approving the amendments despite the environmental impacts is as follows:

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CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF VISTA GENERAL PLAN COMMUNITY IDENTITY ELEMENT

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ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF VISTA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK

JEAN BROOKS

EXHIBIT B

COMMUNITY IDENTITY ELEMENT

The preservation of the semi-rural character and social charm of the Vista community is a desire of the citizens. Therefore, a community identity element is necessary to expose the components of this character and suggest a method for its preservation. Components of the Vista semi-rural community character are:

- a. Impressions of open, natural, and spacious land.
- b. Winding uncongested streets.
- c. Quiet, peaceful background.
- d. Residential developments that do not conflict with light agricultural uses.
- e. Minimized development impacts on rural uses such as avocado, macadamia nut, and citrus groves, cactus, strawberry, commercial flowers, and other truck crops that harmoniously co-exist with a low-density semi-rural character community.
- f. Limited animal husbandry, such as horse boarding, on sufficient sized lots.
- g. Natural watercourses and background hillsides in visible evidence throughout the community.
- h. Natural ridge lines, native or quasi-native vegetation portraying a secluded, low key setting conducive to quiet, natural surroundings.
- i. Protect and enhance the traditional Spanish rancho theme which has been a positive attribute to this region for many years.

Thus to protect and perpetuate this semi-rural community character in the wake of intense community development precipitated by economic pressures, these nine components are guides to encourage voluntary consideration of the community identity.